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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on Haiti, in particular its resolutions 1743 (2007), 1702 (2006), 1658 (2006), 1608 (2005), 1576 (2004) and 1542 (2004),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Haiti,

Welcoming recent steps towards achieving lasting stability and democracy in Haiti,

Welcoming the continuing achievements in Haiti's political process, including through the peaceful holding on 29 April 2007 of the final round of local and municipal elections, and noting with satisfaction the number of women and youth engaged in this process,

Recognizing the inter-connected nature of the challenges in Haiti, reaffirming that sustainable progress on security, rule of law and institutional reform, national reconciliation, and development are mutually reinforcing, and welcoming the continuing efforts of the Government of Haiti and the international community to address these challenges,

Recognizing that respect for human rights, due process and addressing the issue of criminality and putting an end to impunity are essential to ensuring the rule of law and security in Haiti,

Acknowledging significant improvements in the security situation in recent months but noting that the security situation remains fragile,

Emphasizing the importance of cooperation between Haiti and neighboring and regional states in effectively managing and securing Haiti's borders, and in line with the shared interest to secure these borders,

Underscoring that international illicit trafficking of drugs and arms continues to affect the stability of Haiti,

Commending the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), for continuing to assist the Government of Haiti to ensure a secure and stable environment,

Emphasizing the role of regional organizations in the ongoing process of stabilization and reconstruction of Haiti and *calling on* MINUSTAH to continue to work closely with the Organization of the American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM),

Stressing the importance of establishing credible, competent and transparent governance, and encouraging the Government of Haiti to further strengthen state institutions,

Welcoming the initial steps towards establishing a legislative framework for judicial reform through collaboration between the legislative and executive branches,

Commending the establishment of the Consultative Commission on Prolonged Pretrial Detention, and expressing its strong support for further efforts on this issue as well as in addressing prison overcrowding,

Calling on the Haitian government, in coordination with the international community, to advance security sector reform, in particular by continuing the implementation of the Haitian National Police (HNP) Reform Plan, as well as efforts to reform the critical judiciary and correctional systems,

Welcoming the support of OAS to update the Haitian voter registry and *calling on* the Haitian authorities, with the continued support of donors and regional organizations as well as MINUSTAH and the UN system, to establish permanent and effective electoral institutions, and to hold elections consistent with Haiti's constitutional requirements,

Underlining the need for the quick implementation of highly effective and visible labor intensive projects that help create jobs and deliver basic social services,

Acknowledging the laudable work done by Haitian authorities and MINUSTAH to respond to the needs of disaster-affected people, and welcoming future coordinated actions in this regard,

Expressing gratitude to the troops and police personnel of MINUSTAH and to their countries and paying tribute to those injured or killed in the line of duty,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's report S/2007/503 of 22 August 2007,

Determining that the situation in Haiti continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region, despite the progress achieved thus far,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, as described in section 1 of operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1542 (2004),

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of MINUSTAH as contained in its resolutions 1542 (2004), 1608 (2005), 1702 (2006) and 1743 (2007) until 15 October 2008, with the intention of further renewal;

2. *Endorses* the Secretary General's recommendation for reconfiguring the Mission in line with the concepts outlined in paragraphs 28 and 29 of his report S/2007/503, taking into account the need to adjust MINUSTAH's composition and realign its activities to reflect the changing circumstances and priorities on the ground and *decides* that MINUSTAH will consist of a military component of up to 7,060 troops of all ranks and of a police component of a total of 2,091 police;

3. *Expresses* its full support for the Special Representative of the Secretary General, notably in his efforts to improve the security situation in close cooperation with the Government of Haiti, and reaffirms his authority in the coordination and conduct of all activities of United Nations agencies, funds, and programmes in Haiti;

4. *Recognizes* the ownership and primary responsibility of the Government and the people of Haiti over all aspects of the country's stabilization, *recognizes* the role of MINUSTAH in supporting the Government's efforts in this regard, and *encourages* the Government of Haiti to continue to take full advantage of international support to enhance its capacity, which is indispensable for the sustainable success of MINUSTAH;

5. *Reaffirms* its call upon MINUSTAH to support the constitutional and political process under way in Haiti, including through its good offices and, in cooperation with the Government of Haiti, to promote all-inclusive political dialogue and national reconciliation, and to provide logistical and security assistance for the upcoming electoral process;

6. *Welcomes* the continuing contribution of MINUSTAH to the Government of Haiti's efforts to build institutional capacity at all levels and *calls upon* MINUSTAH, consistent with its mandate, to expand such support to strengthen self-sustainable state institutions, especially outside Port-au-Prince, including through the provision of specialized expertise to key ministries and institutions, taking into account the ongoing efforts by the Haitian authorities to fight all forms of crime;

7. *Requests* that MINUSTAH continue its support of the HNP as deemed necessary to ensure security in Haiti, and encourages MINUSTAH and the Government of Haiti to continue to undertake coordinated deterrent actions to decrease the level of violence;

8. *Welcomes* progress in the implementation of the HNP Reform Plan and *requests* MINUSTAH to remain engaged in assisting the Government of Haiti to reform and restructure the HNP, consistent with its mandate, notably by supporting the monitoring, mentoring, training, vetting of police personnel and strengthening of institutional capacities, while working to recruit sufficient individual police officers to serve as instructors and mentors of the HNP, consistent with its overall strategy to progressively transfer geographic and functional responsibilities to its Haitian counterparts to facilitate HNP engagement in conventional law and order duties, in accordance with the HNP Reform Plan;

9. *Invites* member states, including neighboring and regional states, in coordination with MINUSTAH, to engage with the Government to address cross-border illicit trafficking of drugs, arms and other illegal activities, and to contribute to strengthening HNP capacity in these areas,

10. *Requests* MINUSTAH to provide technical expertise in support of the efforts of the Government to pursue a comprehensive border management approach, with emphasis on state capacity building, and *underlines* the need for coordinated international support for Government efforts in this area;

11. *Recognizes* the need for MINUSTAH to establish patrols along maritime and land border areas in support of border security activities by the HNP, and

encourages MINUSTAH to continue discussions with the Government of Haiti and member states to assess the threats along Haiti's land and maritime borders,

12. *Requests* the UN country team, and *calls upon* all relevant humanitarian and development actors, to complement security operations undertaken by the Government of Haiti with the support of MINUSTAH with activities aimed at effectively improving the living conditions of the concerned populations and *requests* MINUSTAH to continue to implement quick impact projects;

13. *Condemns* any attack against personnel from MINUSTAH and *demands* that no acts of intimidation or violence be directed against United Nations and associated personnel or other international and humanitarian organizations engaged in humanitarian, development or peacekeeping work;

14. *Welcomes* the steps taken towards the reform of rule of law institutions, requests MINUSTAH to continue to provide necessary support in this regard, and *encourages* the Haitian authorities to take full advantage of that support, notably in such areas as restructuring the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, certifying magistrates, providing legal aid to the most vulnerable, and modernizing key legislation;

15. *Requests* MINUSTAH to continue to pursue its community violence reduction approach, including through support to the National Commission on Disarmament, Dismantlement and Reintegration and concentrating its efforts on labor intensive projects, the development of a weapons registry, the revision of current laws on importation and possession of arms, and reform of the weapons permit system;

16. *Reaffirms* MINUSTAH's human rights mandate and calls on the Haitian authorities to continue their efforts to promote and protect human rights, and calls on MINUSTAH to continue to provide human rights training to the Haitian National Police and other relevant institutions, including the correctional services;

17. *Strongly condemns* the grave violations against children affected by armed violence, as well as widespread rape and other sexual abuse of girls, and *requests* MINUSTAH to continue to promote and protect the rights of women and children as set out in Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1612 (2005);

18. *Encourages* MINUSTAH and the UN Country Team to enhance their coordination as well as with the various development actors in Haiti in order to ensure greater efficiency in development efforts and to address urgent development problems;

19. *Calls* on the UN system and the international community, in particular donor countries and institutions, in cooperation with the Haitian authorities, to devise and support a renewed aid coordination system, based on mutual responsibility, which would focus on immediate needs as well as on long-term reconstruction and poverty reduction, and *encourages* donors to accelerate the disbursement of their pledges as a contribution to development and stability in Haiti;

20. *Welcomes* progress made by MINUSTAH in communications and public outreach strategy and requests it to continue these activities;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance of all MINUSTAH personnel with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, and to keep the Council informed, and *urges* troop-contributing countries to ensure that acts involving their personnel are properly investigated and punished;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the implementation of MINUSTAH's mandate semi-annually and not later than 45 days prior to its expiration, taking into account a review of the activities and composition of MINUSTAH, its coordination with the UN country team and other development actors, a comprehensive assessment of threats to security in Haiti, and the development during this mandate period of a consolidation plan with appropriate benchmarks to measure and track progress, in consultation with the Haitian government;

23. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.